

Fiscal Note

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Title: WORKERS' COMP DISABILITY FOR
FIREFIGHTERS
Sponsor: HOLLAND
Requester: (H)RLS

Department: Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Appropriation: Workers' Compensation
Allocation: Workers' Compensation
OMB Component Number: 344

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2023 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2023 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/22

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

This fiscal note has been revised to reflect the changes made in (H) L&C.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The original legislation added breast cancer to the list of cancers covered under AS 23.30.121(b) for firefighters as a compensable disease.

The House Labor and Commerce Committee substitute expands the types of cancer to be covered under AS 23.30.121(b) to the presumption of work-related injuries. Listed in the committee substitute are skin cancer, cervical cancer, testicular cancer, mesothelioma, multiple myeloma, colon cancer and thyroid cancer.

A description of firefighter is inserted that adds state and municipal volunteer firefighters as covered workers.

National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) cannot ascertain the cost to employers or the workers' compensation system due to the lack of statistical data in reporting of these injuries. The prevalence of cancer is widely distributed in general populations and complicates forecasting costs to employers. Expanded litigation costs are projected due to the nature and prevalence of the presumption coverage.

There will be no direct fiscal impact to the department as a result of this legislation.